

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 507

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Becky Buchanan on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Becky Buchanan is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; after serving the people of the City of Johnson City for thirty-six years, she recently took her well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee State University, Becky Buchanan began her tenure in city government in 1981 when she joined the Parks and Recreations Department as the cultural arts director; she was promoted to operations manager in 1988 and assistant Parks and Recreations director in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Buchanan was named community relations director in November 1999, a position which she held until her retirement; throughout her exemplary tenure, she distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Becky Buchanan's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Buchanan gives back to her community through her work with Sister Cities International, the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, and the Veterans Affairs Mountain Home Museum Board; as the 2011 campaign chair for United Way of Washington County, she led the organization to exceed its \$1.8 million campaign goal; and

WHEREAS, Becky Buchanan is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Becky Buchanan for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and the City of Johnson City and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction on the occasion of her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.